

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and new claims 24-47 respectively, essentially the Article 19 claims, are presented therefor, and further present the claims in accordance with USA practice under 35 USC 112, and eliminate multiple-dependent form claims.


No multiple-dependent claim fees should apply in this application.

The specification has been amended for formal improvement to comply with USA practice and to correct informalities.

An abstract is presented on a separate sheet.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee as of the filing date, and to provide an action on the merits.

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ABSTRACT

Screwing tool (1) having a grip (2) and a shank (3), which is received removably in a cavity (4) open toward an end of the grip (2) and which at its free end has an actuating portion (5). The shank (3) is retained in a position of use such that it is fixed in terms of rotation on the grip, to avoid sliding in the axial direction, by a retaining element (14) associated with the grip (2). The retaining element (14) can be displaced into a removal position by displacement of an actuating member (6) in order for the shank to be removed from the grip (2). In a storage position, a large part of the shank (3) is located in the cavity (4), where it is held by a holding element (H). The holding element (H) is releasable, so that part of the shank (3) can be moved out.